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GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES \$12 MILLION TO REPAIR LOW-INCOME HOMES *Federal Grants Will Aid Families In 30 N.C. Counties*

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley announced today that 30 North Carolina counties will receive a total of \$12 million in Community Development Scattered Site Housing Block Grants. These grants are made to county governments to address the most critical housing needs of low-income families.

“This money will allow economically disadvantaged North Carolina homeowners to live in safe housing that they can be proud of,” Easley said. “Better housing builds stronger neighborhoods and keeps North Carolinians safe and secure.”

The Scattered Site Housing grant program provides county governments with \$400,000 every three years on a rotating basis with money targeted to very low-income homeowners for rehabilitation or, if necessary, relocation. To receive funds, counties must submit a detailed plan to the N.C. Department of Commerce’s Division of Community Assistance that provide details of how funds will be used to meet those housing needs.

The counties that received grants are: Alexander, Ashe, Bertie, Bladen, Camden, Caswell, Columbus, Franklin, Gates, Gaston, Halifax, Harnett, Henderson, Haywood, Lee, Madison, McDowell, Montgomery, Northampton, Onslow, Pender, Person, Polk, Rowan, Scotland, Surry, Transylvania, Warren, Wayne, and Yancey.

The money will be used to rehabilitate 114 homes, provide emergency repairs for 105 homes and relocate 54 families.

The federal Community Development Block Grants provide money to the state from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The N.C. Department of Commerce’s Division of Community Assistance administers the program for North Carolina.

Communities seeking more information about Community Development Block Grants and how to apply for the grants can visit the Department of Commerce’s Division of Community Assistance website at:
www.nccommerce.com/en/CommunityServices/CommunityDevelopmentGrants/index.htm

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